## Think Safety

- Do not conduct a cleanup immediately after a storm when water levels are high.
- Wear heavy gloves.
- Wear rubber boots or waders when in the water.
- Wear proper clothing for the season and proper shoes for rough terrain.
- Stop work in inclement weather.
- Watch footing when working on slopes and in the water.
- Be alert for snakes and noxious weeds such as poison ivy.
- Avoid overexertion.
- Have drinking water handy while working to prevent dehydration.
- Provide at least one adult supervisor per four children.
- Keep children in sight at all times.
- If potentially hazardous items are found, please call (417) 864-1996.
- Do not try to remove large items without proper assistance.
- Have a first-aid kit and transportation readily available.



Collect recyclable materials in separate bags and take them

to the nearest recycling center. For locations, visit

www.springfieldmogov.org/recycling.

## Pollution Reporting

To report dumping or discharges of pollutants to the street, storm water system or streams, call the Storm Water Services Division at (417) 864-1901 or submit a Citizen Service Request at <a href="https://www.springfieldmogov.org/stormwater">www.springfieldmogov.org/stormwater</a>.

#### What to Watch For:

- Dumping of motor oil or other chemicals
- Discharges of commercially generated wash waters (i.e. from washing of vehicles, equipment or structures, or from services such as carpet cleaning)
- Improper outdoor storage of chemicals and other materials that can pollute the ground or storm water runoff
- Sediment discharging from construction sites, or other erosion problems

## Thank You!

Your volunteer efforts keep our streams clean, protect water quality and encourage positive community involvement. Thank you for your commitment to improving the quality of life in Springfield!



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Busch Municipal Building
840 Boonville Avenue
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www.springfieldmogov.org/stormwater



The Adopt-A-Stream program recognizes the commitment of citizens to keep our City's streams free from litter and debris.

Individuals, community groups, business owners, schools, churches and service clubs are invited to participate.

A stream available for adoption may be a major stream, or a tributary or drainageway that is dry at times but in need of periodic cleanup. Groups may have a stream segment in mind or may choose from an adoption list. Written permission must be obtained from property owners for stream segments not owned by the City.

"If there is magic on the planet it is contained in the water." - Loren Eisley

# What are the Volunteers' Responsibilities?

- Adopt a minimum of 0.5 mile of stream. Exceptions may be made in cases where safety or accessibility issues necessitate a shorter length and as long as the segment is in need of adoption.
- Conduct cleanup (litter removal) of the adopted stream segment at least 3 times per year.
- Keep the City informed of your cleanups.

Organizations are required to participate for at least one full year. Adoption is renewable annually given that program requirements are met.

### What does the City provide?

- Trash bags.
- Pick up and disposal of the filled bags.
- Adopt-A-Stream signs at the adopted stream segment, recognizing the volunteers' efforts.
- Recognition of volunteers on the City's website at <u>www.springfieldmogov.org/</u> stormwater.

### **How to Adopt**

- Call (417) 864-1996 to request information.
- Once your application forms have been received and approved, you will be notified that you may begin cleanups.

### **How to Conduct a Cleanup**

- Trash bags can be picked up from the Storm Water Services Division, Busch Building 2nd floor, 840 Boonville Avenue.
- Leave filled trash bags on the closest street right-of-way for pick up by the City.
- Record the number of bags for reporting to the City.
- When a cleanup has been completed, call (417) 864-1996 to report the number of bags and arrange for pick up.

### **Auxiliary Cleanups**

Some stream sections are in need of frequent cleanup. Individuals or groups wanting to do a cleanup of a stream section currently adopted may call (417) 864-1996. These efforts will be recognized along with adoption cleanup efforts on the City's website at www.springfieldmogov.org/stormwater.